

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough****Project Title:**

## **Kenai Peninsula Borough - Nikiski Fire Service Station #2**

**State Funding Requested: \$ 4,500,000****House District: 34 - Q**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Station #2 Land Purchase, Building Demolition and Construction of New Station

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$4,500,000**Funding SecuredOther Pending RequestsAnticipated Future Need*Amount FY**Amount FY**Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Station #2 land purchase, building demolition and construction of new station. see attached pdf.

**Project Timeline:**

FY 2009 - 2010

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Nikiski Fire Service Area

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Contact Name:

Phone Number:

Address:

Email:

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No



# **KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH**

## **YEAR 2008 STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

### **NIKISKI FIRE SERVICE AREA**

**Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough**

Project Name: Station #2 Land Purchase, Building Demolition, and Construction of New Station

Project  
Priority  
Ranking: 2

#### **Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Station #2 land purchase, demolition of existing fire station, and construction of a new fire station: The Nikiski Fire Department is requesting a grant from the Alaska State Legislature for \$4.5 million to purchase the existing land that Nikiski Fire Station #2 is currently using, to also demolish the existing structure and construct a new fire station on the same property.

The Nikiski Fire Service Area Board of Directors believes that purchase of the existing land and property that has housed Nikiski Station #2 for the past 37 years is in the best interest in providing a facility that is designed for emergency response equipment and personnel for the future of the service area. Several entities are currently involved in leasing the land and structure to NFD. The original structure was built as a community center for Nikiski and was never designed to or built to properly handle equipment and personnel to serve the community medical and fire needs. The land and structure has been leased for the past 37 years.

This grant would allow the purchase of the land, demolition of the current structure, and construction of a fire station on the site which will take Nikiski well into the 21st century. Renovation of the existing structure is cost prohibitive due to existing electrical and plumbing issues now being experienced at the facility. Water drainage, leaking roofs, and rotting structural supports all prevent possible renovations to the structure.

**Total Project Cost: \$4,500,000**

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Election Districts: Senate District: Q  
House District: 34

**How has the community shown support for this project? (Volunteerism, money, resolutions, etc.)**

The Mayor's office of the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Nikiski Fire Service Area Board of Directors are currently involved with all entities to arrive at a possible purchase price.

**What steps have been taken to date to get this project going?**

Construction plans for a Station #3 had already been developed by Kluge & Associates in 2003. These plans, with minor alterations, could be used for the construction of Fire Station #2.

**How did the Service Area select this project as a funding priority? (Community meeting, survey, etc.)**

Through staff meetings and the Nikiski Fire Service Area Board of Directors recommendation.

**If you conducted a community meeting, how was it advertised?  
When and where was the meeting held?**

Nikiski Fire Department meetings are advertised in the Peninsula Clarion and posted at Station #1's reader board a month in advance.

**Who attended (List specific groups such as community council, APC, general public, etc.)**

Nikiski Fire Department employees, Nikiski Fire Service Area Board of Directors and the general public.

**Who owns the property and what is the status of the land for the project?**

Maize and Delores McGahan own the property but Station #2 is leased through Delores McGahan.

**Who will own the project or facility?**

Nikiski Fire Service Area through the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

**How will the project be constructed or accomplished?**

A committee of fire department employees will develop specifications based on current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and industry standards. Once specifications are complete, the project will be bid per the bidding and purchasing requirements of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

**Who will operate and/or maintain the project or facility?**

Operations and maintenance will be funded through the department's annual budget process as part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough budget.